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## "Cannibal Queen" Is Senior Class Play

### Banners For Gym

The Key Club has ordered banners to be hanged in the gym. They are the type that feature the names and school colors of the other schools in the Central 4-A Conference. These attractive banners will greatly improve the interior appearance of the gym.

The gym at LSHS has already received some valuable additions during the year. The most noticeable is the "facelifting" the

gym floor received this summer. Now this court is one of the finest in the state.

A loud speaker has been installed, and this system is very beneficial. It is a great improvement to have each player introduced at the basketball games. The new gym equipment, such as the rebounder and the paralled bars, are additions that have been needed for many years.

### French Play On March 29

On the night of March 29, the French Department will present the play LES PRECIEUCES RIDICULES, (The Pretentious Young Ladies.) To add to the knowledge and the enjoyment of this performance, a brief explanation of the background of this play is needed.

LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES is one of the many plays written by Jean Baptiste Poquelin, better known as Moliere. He was born into a century that was very conscious of language, the period in which the English language was being hammered out into its present forms. In this process of eliminating the coarseness of the Gothic period and the lavishness of the Renaissance, extremist views were held by people everywhere. In France, these men and women were known as the PRECIEUSES SOCIETY, setting the style in both manners and literature.

The PRECIEUSES usually gathered together in the living rooms of various homes to discuss the cultural aspects of life. However, after a period of time, those people holding the most extreme viewpoint began to dominate the society. Among these was Madeleine de Scudery, a French novelist whose books exercised a great influence upon the minds of the young ladies. However, by the third decade of the century, her followers were carrying things to absurd lengths. They demanded a ceremonious gallantry of their suitors, and expressed themselves in a language that was understood only by themselves. In 1659, Moliere presented his play LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES in which he ridiculed the society and, in effect, made it collapse.

After much consideration of various plays, plans have been made to present Robert St. Clair's three act comedy, The Cannibal Queen as the 1963 senior class play. For the first time in the history of LSHS, the play will be presented two nights. The dates set are March 15 and 16.

The cast consists of thirteen characters with evenly balanced roles. The plot is centered around a real South Sea Island queen who is far from glamorous. Try-outs for the play were held last week, and the cast selected is holding rehearsals. A capacity crowd is expected for both performances. Supporting the cast will be many committees including the following: scenery, properties, make up, costuming, tickets, and advertising.

The play will be directed by Mrs. Ottis M. Hedrick and Miss Charlotte Matthews.

### TRICIA BERRIER IS HOMEMAKER OF TOMORROW

Tricia Berrier, an L.H.S. senior, is Homemaker of Tomorrow for Lexington Senior High School in the 1963 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berrier. Having achieved the highest score in a knowledge and aptitude test given senior girls on December 4, she now is eligible, along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of State Homemaker of Tomorrow.



The State Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The runner-up receives a \$500 scholarship. The school of each State Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a complete set of ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA.

The State Homemaker of Tomorrow, accompanied by her school advisor, also will join with other state winners in an expense-paid educational tour of New York City, Washington, D. C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, next spring. During the tour, the 1963 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and national runner-up will be named. The Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will have her scholarship raised to \$5,000, with second, third, and fourth place winners being awarded scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000, respectively.

The basis for selection of local and state winners is a test prepared and scored by Science Research Associates, Chicago. Personal observation and interviews are added factors in determining the national winners.

The 1963 Betty Crocker Search reached another all-time high in enrollment, with 410,466 girls in 12,964 schools participating. In the program's nine years, nearly three million girls have been enrolled. Always a top student, Tricia has brought another honor to herself and her school in her accomplishment.

### D.D.D. Demonstration

On Wednesday, February 20, Mr. William C. Harris, owner and manager of the Lexington Telephone Company, spoke to the L.S.H.S. student body on direct distance dialing. This advancement will be available to Lexington residents on March 2. Mr. Harris told us that because there are eighty-one million telephones in the United States, a new number system was necessary; therefore we now have seven digit numbers plus the area code numbers.

Direct distance dialing will be a great improvement when in full use because of a shortage of telephone operators to handle the nine million long distance calls made daily.

Mr. Harris showed us a film-strip explaining "D.D.D.," and then demonstrated with calls actually made on stage. Students heard the weather reports from Chicago, Milwaukee, and Boston.

### Senior High Band To Attend Azalea Festival

For the second year, the Lexington Senior High School Band will attend the Azalea Festival in Wilmington, which will be held on April 3-7. The band members, however, will leave on the morning of April 5, and will return on the afternoon of April 7. The highlight of the festival is a parade in which the band will take part. The trip promises to be one of the best that the Senior High Band has taken in quite a while.

The quarters for the band members are on the waterfront in the Beaty and Barbee Apartments on Wrightsville Beach. Accommodations for meals are at the Marina Restaurant, which is famous for its seafood. During the weekend, various excursions and other things are planned for the students. Among these are a dance and trips to the famous spots in Wilmington.

### Classical Movies Coming To Lexington

The Carolina Theatre of Lexington has scheduled a showing of classic movies, playing one each month, for one day only, starting this month. The pictures and dates are as follows:

David Copperfield — Wednesday, February 27; Little Women — Wednesday, March 27; Captains Courageous — Wednesday, April 24; Pride and Prejudice — Wednesday, May 22; Julius Caesar — Next fall, after school starts; Kim — Next fall; The Good Earth — Next fall; A Tale Of Two Cities — Next Fall.

It would be to everyone's advantage to see these movies made from classic books. Besides being educational and worthwhile, these movies will also be very entertaining.

### More Tests Are Coming!

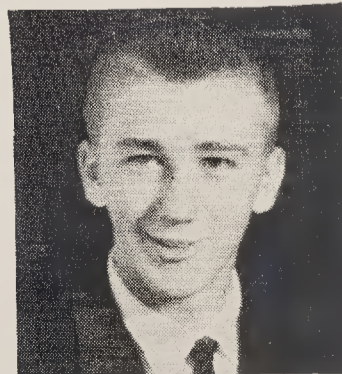
March 9 is a red-letter day for LSHS students. Two important tests will be administered to freshman, sophomores, and juniors.

The juniors will be taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. This test determines the educational development of a student in five fields. These fields include: English Usage, Math Usage, Social Studies, Natural Sciences, and Word Usage. This program awards approximately five thousand scholarships to deserving students all over the country.

The freshmen and sophomores will be given the National Education Development Tests. This test is similar to the National Merit in that it measures the student's basic intellectual skills. All freshmen and sophomores seriously considering college should take these tests to determine their ability to succeed in college-level work. Further information on these two important tests may be obtained from Mrs. Hussey in the Guidance Office.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 1—Assembly—Glee Club
- March 4—Intra-Mural Finals
- March 8—Triangular Debates
- March 9—National Merit Tests
- March 12—Band Program—1:30
- March 15-16—Senior Play
- March 21—Assembly—Band
- March 23—District Band Contests
- March 26—Career Night
- March 29—French Play
- April 1—D. E. Banquet
- April 3-9—Senior Tour
- April 11-15—Easter Holidays



### POPULAR JUNIOR KILLED IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Lexington Senior High students were shocked and saddened by the death of Bryce Taylor, Jr. on January 28, 1963. "Pete" Taylor, a well-liked member of the Junior class, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Saturday night, January 26. Pete will always be remembered for his friendly smile and co-operative personality. He was the son of Bryce C. Taylor and Mrs. Mattie Taylor Cannon. Born on June 29, 1946, he was an active member of Erlanger Methodist Church.